

9347. LINUM USITATISSIMUM.**Flax.**

From Rotterdam, Holland. Received through F. Dutilh & Co., January 29, 1903.

Dutch Riga-Child. Extra picked. From crop of 1902.

9348 to 9351. AMYGDALUS COMMUNIS.**Almond**

From Alicante, Spain. Received through Mr. D. G. Fairchild (Nos. 740, 741, 745, 755a, July 19 and 20, 1901), January 30, 1903.

A collection of young almond trees budded on myrobalan stocks by Mr. Georges Boucher, Paris, France, with buds secured by Mr. Fairchild in Spain.

9348.*Mollar.* (No. 740.)**9350.***Castillet.* (No. 745.)**9349.***Planeta.* (No. 741.)**9351.***Pastaneta.* (No. 755a.)

(See Nos. 7985 to 7989 and 9458 to 9462.)

9352. OPUNTIA FICUS-INDICA.**Prickly pear.**

From Malta. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1082, December 27, 1902), January 31, 1903.

"Fruits from the plants of this variety contain less than 12 seeds, according to Dr. Giovanni Borg, of Malta, who kindly presents them to the Department. These seeds are very small and not at all objectionable. The fruit inside and out is yellowish orange in color, of good flavor, Doctor Borg says, and of the size of a goose egg. The thallus is nearly spineless. It is a rare plant even in Malta. These fruits came from plants growing in a garden in Siggiewi." (*Fairchild.*)

9353. OPUNTIA FICUS-INDICA.**Prickly pear.**

From Malta. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1083, December 27, 1902), January 31, 1903.

"This variety resembles No. 9352 closely, but the fruits are much smaller, being only the size of a hen's egg. Seedless or at least with very few seeds. The thallus is nearly spineless. The minute bristles on the fruit, according to Dr. Giovanni Borg, can be removed by washing the fruits in a basin of water with a whisk broom. The water loosens up the small cushions of bristles and they are easily brushed away into the water. This variety is not as promising as No. 9352, but is worthy a place in the breeder's collection. The fact of its seedlessness and spinelessness makes it a valuable variety of *Opuntia* for any economic studies on the subject. From Professor Pisani's villa at Maurisi, near Zeitun, Malta." (*Fairchild.*)

9354. FICUS CARICA.**Fig.**

From Malta. Received through Messrs. Lathrop and Fairchild (No. 1084, December 28, 1902), January 31, 1903.

St. Anthony. "Dr. Giovanni Borg, director of the botanic garden, says this is one of the most delicious figs he has ever eaten. It ripens one crop of figs in June and a second in September or October. The regular late crop is red in color. No caprification is deemed necessary for this sort, which Doctor Borg thinks could be used for drying purposes. It is an uncommon variety." (*Fairchild.*)

9355. ARACHIS HYPOGAEA.**Peanut.**

From Tanegashima, Japan. Presented by Mr. H. E. Amooore. Received February 2, 1903.

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